

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**February 7, 2012**

**Troup County Government Center**

Troup County Board of Commissioners Chairman Richard Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Richard Wolfe, Chairman  
Buck Davis, Vice-Chairman  
Richard English, Commissioner  
Ken Smith, Commissioner  
Morris Jones, Commissioner

**News Media Present:**

Matthew Strother, LaG Daily News  
Tommy Camp, Troup County News  
Trey Wood, Valley News

**Staff Present:**

Mike Dobbs, County Manager  
Tod Tentler, Assistant County Manager  
Jerry Willis, County Attorney  
Valerie West, Executive Assistant  
Janice Copeland, Administrative Assistant  
Andy Harper, GIS Technician  
James Emery, County Engineer  
Stewart Mills, Finance Officer / County Clerk  
Dennis Knight, EMA Director / Training  
Frank Kirby, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office  
Donny Turner, Sheriff  
Shane Frailey, Captain  
Shane Morris, Deputy Warden

**Others Present:**

Bill & Ellen Gilmore, Concerned Citizens  
Mike Freeland, Concerned Citizen  
Tommy Callaway, Concerned Citizen  
Ken Ragan, Concerned Citizen  
Lewis Davis, Concerned Citizen  
Tim Duffey, Concerned Citizen  
Mike & Glenda Waller, Concerned Citizens  
Gloria Livingston, Concerned Citizen  
Linda Hanson, Concerned Citizen

**OPENING:**

Chairman Richard Wolfe welcomed all in attendance.

**Invocation - Reverend Frank Vaughn, First Baptist Church on the Square:**

Reverend Frank Vaughn of First Baptist Church on the Square was recognized by Chairman Wolfe and asked to pronounce the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Commissioner Buck Davis led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the final agenda.

Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

- None.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

**Employee Service Awards for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2011:**

Chairman Wolfe recognized the following individuals during the employee service award ceremony:

**- Thirty Years of Service**

Major Steve Flournoy, Sheriff's Office

**- Twenty-Five Years of Service**

Recreation Supervisor Gregory Hall, Parks & Recreation

**- Twenty Years of Service**

Deputy Marshal Edward Johnson, Marshal

**- Fifteen Years of Service**

\*Sergeant Kelli Ellington, Sheriff's Office

**- Ten Years of Service**

Correctional Officer James Sewell, Correctional Institute

**- Five Years of Service**

\*Tag & Tax Agent Kristi Morton, Tax Commissioner

Firefighter/EMT Claude F. Foster, III, Fire Department

Mechanic Christopher Brown, Shop

\*Detention Officer Anthony Hixson, Jail

Detention Officer Cheryl Spencer, Jail

Deputy Sheriff Matthew Boswell, Sheriff's Office

\*Correctional OfficerCarolynn Cameron, Correctional Institute  
E-911 Call Taker Fannette Davidson, E-911

\*Employees unable to attend the awards presentation.

**Consideration of Severe Weather Alert Plan:**

EMA Director Dennis Knight presented a severe weather alert plan for the County to purchase three additional sirens. The total cost for each siren is \$23,675 and the funds to cover the cost would come out of SPLOST public safety projects. A total of five weather sirens will be installed near Long Cane, Baugh's Cross, Antioch, Upper Big Springs and Hines Roads. Three would be paid by SPLOST; the other two would be paid by grant funds. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the severe weather alert plan. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of C.W. Matthews Asphalt Contract Amendment:**

County Engineer James Emery presented a contract amendment between C.W. Matthews and the County for the purchase of asphalt and related materials using SPLOST III revenue. The amendment bases the cost of asphalt mix on state averages which would be updated every quarter and still give the County a discount compared to consumer cost. This amendment will continue into SPLOST IV which voters approved for a six-year term beginning January 1, 2013. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract with C.W. Matthews. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of State-Wide Mutual Aid Agreement:**

EMA Director Dennis Knight presented a State-Wide Mutual Aid Agreement that would allow the County to be reimbursed by FEMA if the County helps another municipal agency with disaster relief or reimburse another agency that helps the County. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by ACCG and GEMA. Commissioner English made a motion to approve the State-Wide Mutual Aid Agreement. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Uncollected Personal Property for 2010 Write off of 22 Personal Property Tax Bills:**

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented a list of twenty-two personal properties that the Tax Commissioner has received from the Sheriff's Department that remains uncollected for 2010. The Tax Commissioner has requested these properties be written off as uncollectable. The total amount of the uncollected property tax was \$11,541.26. Commissioner Davis made a motion to write off twenty-two personal property tax bills that were uncollectable for 2010. Commissioner English seconded.

Unanimous.

**Consideration of DOT-5311 Resolution:(2012-15)**

Assistant County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution of a DOT-5311 grant. This resolution authorizes filing an application with the Georgia Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation for a public transportation grant that could provide the County from \$85K to \$95K to help fund Troup Transit. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the DOT-5311 Resolution. Commissioner English seconded. Unanimous.

**Consideration of Board of Election and Registrar Office for Troup County:**

County Manager Mike Dobbs presented a comparison of Troup Counties with counties that have election boards. All counties compared had similar populations and numbers of registered voters. Of these counties, Troup had higher cost for elections in recent years. A breakdown of costs from 2009 to present showed elections cost an average \$8.58 per registered voter in Troup County, while recent numbers showed \$5.73 per registered voter in Spalding County, \$6.95 in Barrow County and \$7.31 in Bulloch County. Commissioner Davis made a motion to continue the matter for further consideration. Commissioner English seconded.

Unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- None.

**Rezoning:**

- None.

**Other:**

- None.

**Subdivisions:**

- None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stewart P. Mills, Clerk